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October 10, 1986

Mr. Tom B. Larsen, PhD
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Dear Mr. Larsen:

Re: Initial Completeness Review of Conceptual Plan of Operations,
Goldstrike Mine, PRO/053/005, Washington County, Utah

The Division has completed the preliminary review of your conceptual plan of operations for the proposed Goldstrike Mine in Washington County, Utah. I wish to apologize for the unforeseen delay in preparing a follow-up response to our meeting (September 4, 1986) and to our initial review of your conceptual mine plan.

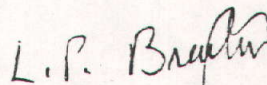
Please refer to the two attached technical review memorandums which identify some of the deficiencies which would likely need resolution in a formal mining and reclamation plan permit application. These comments are by no means all inclusive. They are preliminary technical comments based solely on the information provided in your plans to date. Hopefully these review comments, in addition to the verbal recommendations given to you during our meeting on September 4th, and your review of Utah's mining reclamation regulations, will give you some guidance in making the necessary decisions to proceed ahead with a formal permit application for the project.

After our office meeting, we did meet with representatives from the State Department of Health on September 10th. A copy of your application was hand delivered to Mr. Charles Dietz, of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control for review. It is our understanding that Mr. Dietz has contacted you by phone and expressed some of that agency's concerns and permitting requirements. Mr. Dietz was advised that this Division would be forwarding our preliminary review comments to you in writing and would carbon copy the same to the Bureau of Water Pollution Control. He indicated he would reciprocate to our agency as well.

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Please feel free to contact us should questions arise or if we may provide you with supplemental information. We look forward to working with you in processing an application for this project in the near future.

Sincerely,



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Administrator
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and Reclamation Program

attachments

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